

**GOSHEN AUTO ELECTRIC**

Goshen, Elkhart County, IN

Revised December 20, 2001

**Site Location and Description**

This site is located at 118-124 East Washington Street near the City building in Goshen. It is approximately a half acre in size and consists of four buildings and a parking area. Three of the buildings are vacant. The fourth building is currently being leased by Tele Data, Inc.

Zip Code: 46528

**Site Uses and Past Activities**

Former businesses located at the property include an automotive repair facility and parts retailer, a youth recreation center, grocery store, restaurant, machine shop, tailor, bicycle shop, and two dry cleaning facilities. The most recent tenant was Goshen Auto Electric and Brake Center, whose business was the repair of autos and sale of auto parts from the 1930s to the mid 1990s.

**Contaminants and Impacts**

During an independent Phase I and initial subsurface investigation in December 1997, the groundwater on site was found to be contaminated with several Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs). The grant-funded assessment confirmed that groundwater is contaminated with elevated levels of Tetrachloroethylene (PCE), Trichloroethane (TCE), and 1,2 Dichloroethylene (DCE).

**Lead Agency**

IDEM in conjunction with the Indiana Development Finance Authority

**Community Concerns**

If the site is not cleaned up and sold, it will most likely continue to deteriorate and adversely affect the businesses around it. Possible future end uses include police department facilities, police vehicle parking, and a meeting/youth activity center.

**Actions Taken**

The City of Goshen was awarded an Indiana Brownfields Site Assessment Grant by the Indiana Development Finance Authority in September 1998. The awarded funding was used for a Phase II environmental assessment of the site that was completed in April 1999. IDEM issued a



Comfort Letter to the City of Goshen on December 11, 2001 to address liability issues.

**Current Status**

IDEM has received and reviewed the assessment reports generated from the Phase II investigation activities. A Comment Letter was issued in November 1999. A Final Comment Letter was issued in March 2000 proposing cleanup options. The site was also referred to IDEM's State Cleanup Section in March 2000 to determine if groundwater contamination was potentially affecting the city well field. IDEM's Site Investigation Section is currently investigating off-site sources. The City of Goshen plans to purchase the property for use by their police department.

**Future Actions**

IDEM staff will be available to discuss future steps as necessary to facilitate the City of Goshen's redevelopment efforts.

**Cost Estimates**

Amount of grant awarded: \$33,500.

**For More Information**

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